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# **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **DEFENDANT SENTENCED TO 14 MONTHS IN PRISON IN BANKRUPTCY FRAUD CASE**

**RE: UNITED STATES v. DIANE M. WEEDEN**

Acting United States Attorney Kathleen M. Mehlretter announced today the sentencing of Diane M. Weeden. Weeden, who was convicted of Bankruptcy Fraud on August 16, 2005, was sentenced to 14 months in prison and fined \$2,500 by the Honorable David G. Larimer, United States District Court Judge.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Tiffany H. Lee, who handled the case, stated that the defendant had been convicted of Bankruptcy Fraud when she knowingly and fraudulently made false declarations and statements on her bankruptcy petition; knowingly and fraudulently concealed property; falsely testified under oath at a Section 341 meeting of creditors; falsely testified under oath at a deposition held before a regularly appointed trustee; and falsely testified before the Honorable John C. Ninfo, II, United States Bankruptcy Court Judge. Among other things, in her bankruptcy proceeding, the defendant concealed the existence of, and gave false testimony under oath regarding, a diamond

ring.

The conviction was the culmination of an investigation on the part of the United States Postal Inspection Service, under the direction of Ronald Walker.